

West Vincent Township Parks and Recreation Commission

Motions, Wins, and Future Initiatives

2025 Year in Review

Motions

- Requested three trash cans for Opalanie Park, a dog waste receptacle with biodegradable/compostable bags, recycle bin, and trash bin.
- Requested a fishing line receptacle at Wilson's Corner.
- Requested pertinent Opalanie Park signage.
- Recommended upgrades (tennis court w/court backboard, extended fencing, and Gaga Ball pit) for Andrew Evans tot lot.

Wins

- "Get to know your park hike" – Opalanie Park, March 30, led by Ken. (34 participants)
- Spring Movie night (May 23) *Encanto*, 7 kids attended
- Yoga in the Park – Seven instructor-led Yoga sessions conducted between May and September at Opalanie and Andrew Evans Parks. Instructor Ally Antonini shared that she "enjoyed the classes and those attending them, and would gladly return next season if asked, and if available."
- Requested by Administration to review park(s) rules. The committee did, offering several suggestions into record.
- Requested by Administration to rewrite rules and guidelines for usage/rental of Evans Park gazebo. This committee submitted a 30+ point series of possible guidelines.

Future initiatives

- Researched and then submitted to Manager, a plan to install a work of art - a mural - across Opalanie Park's public works building. This endeavor has been coordinated with the Owen J. Roberts art department heads and its students, who have agreed to create a stencil for the project, which they will then use to illustrate the mural, which will encompass the building's north side, continuing along half of its east-facing frontage when the project is expected to be completed in April 2026.
The mural will be congruent with nature – the native flora and fauna in and around the park; an artistic homage to the land and streams, its animals, plants and trees, and of course, to several of the park's 80+ species of birds within this Audubon-rated birding hotspot, including the bald eagle - *Opalanie* in Lenni-Lenape
- Tommy agreed this year to begin exploring grant opportunities pertaining to this educational-based undertaking.
- Community survey - To help better understand the priorities and desires of the West Vincent township residents, we embarked on developing an online portal for residents from within and beyond our borders, inviting them to participate in a survey to help the Township in better learning what opportunities surveyors are interested in Parks & Recreation to explore in the future.
- Bark Ranger program – A park usage program that provides a “certificate” of accomplishment once the owner verifies that the dog has been walked at all parks.
- Dog park – ongoing dialogue
- Fellowship Trail updates/Discussions on readying for a future ribbon cutting ceremony, which this committee can help to spearhead.
- Focus on attracting new volunteers to join this committee. Township assistance in doing so would be appreciated.